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FOURTH ANNUAL COURT DAY DRAWS INTEREST

By: Erin McNelly and Mark DeRocchi

May 8, 1992 was court day at ORHS. The Strafford County Superior Court, headed by Judge Joseph Nadeau, made it's annual trip to Oyster River to conduct a morning of court activity.

Two cases were conducted Friday morning. The first was a hearing on a nineteen year old who was accused of conspiracy to commit armed robbery. The defendant pleaded guilty and the hearing was cut short as there was no deliberation on guilt or innocence. The youth will be sentenced at a later date at Strafford County Superior Court.

The second hearing was a suppression of evidence case. On December 7, 1991 the defendant was put into protective custody due to intoxication. While at the station, an inventory search was conducted and a folded piece of paper, identified as being a bindle, containing .5 grams of cocaine was found in his front right jeans pocket. The case was centered around whether or not the folded piece of paper containing cocaine was



Superior Court in ORHS

violation of the defendant's civil rights. The defense cited the precedent of illegal searches as defined by State vs. Ball. The statute defined any search through personal belongings for anything other than identification to be illegal. The defense tried to show the similarities in the two cases and stated that opening the folded paper was not an action of probable cause.

The prosecution however tried to show that bindles are commonly used as a holder for cocaine or heroin and is drug para-

phernalia, thus making the probable cause to open the container to see if it contained drugs.

Both court proceedings were performed between 8:15 and 10:30. As Judge Nadeau put it, "Everything done here is official and on the recognizable as drug paraphernalia. The defense argued that it wasn't clearly associated with drugs and appeared to just be a piece of paper that was found during a police inventory search. There was no probable cause to suggest that the paper contained contra-band. Thus this search was in

record," meaning the cases were real and the decisions made will result in real consequences. In the second case the ruling is very important because it will set a precedent (first of it's kind) and according to Nadeau, "everything went as it would have in real court." The ruling was not decided at the time, but Judge Nadeau will present his ruling next week. Commenting on the hearing, Nadeau stated, "If the search is found to be illegal, then the state will have no case." This year's court case is the fourth annual Law Day at ORHS and as Nadeau says, "It just gets better each year." ORHS is the only school in

the state that holds an actual case in school instead of having mock trials. Hopefully this will continue to happen for a long time.

This years court session was made possible by Richard Tappan and Phyllis Pomerleau. Commenting on the day was Mike Ross, "It was very informative and educational and it was a lot of fun to watch actual court cases. I hope that it will continue in the future.

UPDATE:

NADEAU RULES ON ROYER CASE

The judge will allow the "bindle" to be entered as evidence in the cocaine possession case recently heard at Oyster River High

by Tim Myers

On May 12, Judge Joseph Nadeau of Strafford County Superior Court ruled that the cocaine found on Steven D. Royer in a police inventory search could be used as evidence against Royer in a court of law.

Judge Nadeau felt that the police officers involved in the search had both the training and experience to conclude that a paper packet found on Royer was a "bindle". Bindles are devices commonly used for carrying illicit substances.

Nadeau made his ruling under State v. Donovan in which it was ruled that any item found on a defendant during an inventory search that clearly displayed an illicit substance could be used as evidence against the defendant.

Prom incorporates Age Old

This year's junior/senior prom was held at the Frank Jones Center in Portsmouth on Friday, May 15.

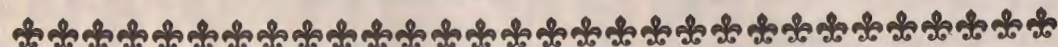
The theme was Renaissance and Masquerade, with Rod Stewart's "Broken Arrow" being the theme song. To go along with this theme, everyone attending was given a masquerade mask. To add to the authenticity, four performers known as Amare (to love) Cantare (to sing) were dressed in traditional Renaissance clothing and sang periodically throughout the evening.

Jon Criswell and Ali Limber won king and queen of the prom, respectively. Prince and princess honors went to John Hill and Erica Along.

This year, unlike past years, will be the first time there will be no post prom party. According to Mrs. Tagliaferro, this is due mainly to the supposed

said, "In the past, students went to the party to watch movies and relax, but now they have the opportunity to relax and watch movies at someone's house where it is more comfortable."

Junior prom committee member Sarla DeGeorge had this to say. "I think that it's something that was bound to happen. For years it has been an option that the students are given which included free pizza, drinks and a slide show. Also, it's a safe place where students can go and drinking is not permitted. In the past, the students who drink after the prom do so, and the ones who don't, don't. A lot of time and money is put into the party and it is not being used for its proper purpose, which is to stop the drinking. This year students will all be doing their own things and going their own ways!"



Scott Poteet and Mandy Tappan before the prom



"Dancin' Children, laughin' children, children of The Groove"

GROOVE CHILD RELEASES "SICK AT LAST"

by Eric Carney

On May 2, Groove Child played at the Memorial Union Building (MUB) as part of the Jamnesty International Concert. Other bands such as the Vibe Merchants, Blue Nudes and Thanks to Gravity played as well. On May 3, Groove Child headlined at the U.N.H. Minifest.

The group is one of the more popular bands at Oyster River High School (ORHS). The band is made up of four members: Andy Lanoie on drums, Bryan Killough on guitar, Jeff Bibbo with vocals and John Leccese playing bass guitar.

Bibbo and Killough had played together in a band prior to the formation of Groove Child. The band united at the 1990 ORHS talent show when Jim Spires played bass guitar for "Knocking on Heavens Door" with Bibbo, Killough, and Lanoie.

The band began practicing and went through two names before they stuck

with Groove Child. The band started out as "Sweet Leaf" and then the name to "Marmalade Skies" and finally to "Groove Child".

It was a rough start for the band at the beginning, but after the release of their first five song demo tape "Children of the Groove", in April of 1991, the band started playing at local clubs, including Norton's in Kittery, The Stone Church and the MUB.

In the summer of 1991 the band broke up for one month due to Jim Spires decision to leave due to "musical conflict". But in the Fall of 1991, Groove Child found John Leccese, a student at U.N.H. to play bass guitar.

Around Christmas of 1991, Groove Child played in the WHEB "Rock Wars". They made it to the finals where they competed against Fly Spinach Fly and lost. Groove Child then got a manager to arrange for more performances. Groove Child then started playing at Decadence (The Hurricane

Surf Club) and the Speakeasy.

In March of 1992, the band began recording, "Sick at Last." After the recording was finished Groove Child added a keyboardist to their group. The tape was released on May 1, selling for eight dollars a piece. After only a week of sales the band averaged that about 300 of the 500 tapes had been sold. According to band members when all 500 have been sold the band will be receiving another 500 to 1000 tapes.

During this summer the band intends to move to New York City to "shop for a label". The band already has a performance arranged at "The China". "The China" has hosted such groups as Guns n-Roses, the Rolling Stones, and Bruce Springsteen. Currently Groove Child is working on promotions such as t-shirts and bumper stickers. During the upcoming summer Groove Child hopes to play numerous performances.

Act-up distributes condoms outside ORHS April 28th

by Tim Myers

On April 28 at 2:30 pm, members of the Seacoast chapter of Act-Up handed out condoms and literature to students just off of Oyster River High School (ORHS) property at the corner of Coe Drive and Emerson Road.

A second group consisting of ORHS students handed out literature regarding the potential danger of condoms and sex. The two groups walked openly into the the street blocking traffic and creating a minor disturbance.

The literature handed out by the Act-Up members told of the dangers of sex, how condoms helped protect people during sex, and instructions for properly wearing a condom. The literature handed out by the students opposed to condom distribution talked of the potential for condom failure during sex, and urged the reader not to risk sex for a few moments of plea-

sure.

Butch Mitchell, founder of the Seacoast chapter of Act-Up said his purpose (in handing out condoms and literature) was to raise AIDS awareness in school systems. Mitchell said that "Students need to know life-saving skills and have the tools to protect themselves." Continued Mitchell, "98% of condom errors are human errors."

Many students were confronted by the groups while leaving school. Their opinions of the affair varied greatly. ORHS student Michelle Norton cried, "Keep passing them out!"

Said freshman Bryan Annis, "I think (condom distribution) is good. A lot of people buy (condoms) in stores."

Other students were not in favor of the distribution. Said Junior John Slippy, "There's no such thing as safe sex. Ab-



Condoms being handed out to ORHS students



staining until a monogamous married relationship is the only way to prevent pregnancy and AIDS. Condoms were made to prevent pregnancy, not AIDS. Junior Vonda Wells agreed, "The only AIDS protection

is abstinence."

A Durham police officer eventually arrived on the scene to see that things ran smoothly. Said Officer Dyer of the Durham Police Department, "I'm just checking (the situation)

out to make sure it's safe."

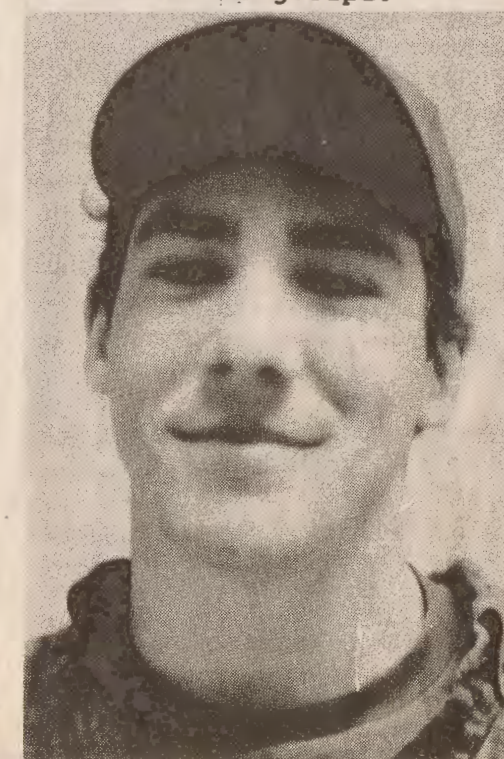
The Act-Up members and conflicting student group passed out their materials for close to 45 minutes. There was no conflict between the two groups.



M.O.R. ASKS: CONDOMS AT O.R.H.S.?

Ruth Bristol and John Slippy

When asked about condom dispensers in school, Ruth said, "Where are they?" John said, "Right where they should be--not here!"



Tucker Katz

RESOURCE ROOM GIVES SKILLS, CONFIDENCE

by C. Ellison

Many people don't know about the resource room. Approximately 35 students benefit from the services in the resource room. According to Ms. Williams, a resource room teacher, "Students identified as having learning disabilities, emotional handicaps, or physical impairments that effect their learning, use the resource room." These students take a class called studyskills where they might learn a variety of things. Some things they learn are: ways of organizing approaches to their studies, strategies to help them learn more effectively, and ways of compensating for their disability.

In order for a student to be identified, a teacher or parent refers to student to the pupil placement team. The team decides whether or not there is enough information about the student to warrant educational and psychological testing. Once the tests have been done, the team meets to hear the results. Then the team, which is comprised of the school nurse, a guidance coun-

selor, classroom teacher, principal, two special educators, and the school psychologist, makes the decision about whether or not to identify the student.

According to Ms. Williams, "Once the students have come to study skills they're generally very successful."

When asked of teachers are helpful with special education students, Ms. Sullivan said, "the majority of the teachers are very helpful by being flexible about accommodating the students

needs." Brad Bezilla, a resource room aid, says, "for the most part all are helpful, but everybody needs to be more educated with the problems of disabled children and what their needs are."

When asked whether or not they liked their jobs, Ms. Sullivan said, "Yes, because I feel I get to help them to be even more successful in school and in life in general. I think the students we work with are wonderful and unique."

Mr. Bezilla said that he also enjoyed his job, "...because I like working with a lot of different people and personalities. I like working with younger people because it's a challenge and when I see progress it's very rewarding."

Damon Reyna and Doug Grissom, two students who go the resource room, gave varied opinions about the resource room. Damon Reyna said, "I feel good because I can get my work done and there are people there to talk to." He did not believe there was a stigma coming to the resource room. Damon also commented on how it is different from a study hall. It's not a classroom atmosphere and you can get one to one help."

Doug Grissom had a different opinion to add. "I hate coming because I don't have a learning disability and I resent having to come here." Doug said that some students feel embarrassed because they have to go to the resource room. He also described the difference between study halls and study skills. "In study halls you don't have teachers hovering all over you."



think it does promote sex, they are sorely mistaken."



Jonah Salloway

It's the socially responsible thing to do. I think that having a vending machine would be kind of cheesy, but I think condoms should be available. I'm not sure it's the school's responsibility to distribute them, but students should have them made easily accessible."

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PLAY'S ATTENDANCE IN TROUBLE ACCORDING TO RECENT SURVEY

by Jennifer Hamilton

According to a survey conducted by MOR, recent attendance at school plays has been lower than the past few years.

Of 57 people surveyed, over 78% didn't attend a school play this year with the exception of Senior Follies, which, technically, isn't part of the drama program. 31 of the 57 said they had other things going on that they preferred to do. 17 others cited other reasons ranging from "visiting colleges" from seniors and "no ride" from freshmen and sophomores. Jobs and homework played a large roll in the lack of attendance also.

According to Mr. Tappan,

typical attendance for fall plays in the past has been about 400 people over a 3 night production. This year's attendance at "The Mouse That Roared" was approximately 275.

In past years attendance at musicals averaged about 500-600 people over 3 nights. Last year's musical, "The Fantastika" drew under 200 in all. In 1982 the musical "Godspell" grossed a record setting 985 people. Dave Ervin has hope that this year's musical, "The Happy Grave-digger" to be put on at the end of May, will draw a larger crowd. (It is an EXPL0 written play directed by Mr. Ervin.)

So what is the drama

program to do? One suggestion is to do well known plays. One play named was "Grease". One senior felt

that a play that every kid knows will draw a larger crowd. This sentiment was echoed by others.

Another suggestion was more advertising. Apparently many students didn't know about the plays. The suggestion was made that more posters and announcements be made to make the student body more aware.

A comment frequently made was that more students should be involved. Students felt that there is a certain "Drama Group" that always participate in plays. If there was a wider variety of people in the plays, they felt that more people would attend.

Mr. Tappan is already looking to the future to

REASONS STATED FOR NOT GOING TO PLAYS

HOW OFTEN REASON GIVEN AS	1st	2nd	3rd
Had other things I preferred to do	31	8	1
Don't like to watch plays	2	4	4
Negative feelings about people in plays	2	3	3
Subjects of plays seem boring.	2	6	7
No friends involved in the show	1	6	3
Can't get good seat to see/hear well.	0	1	5
Plays not done well enough to interest	0	0	3
Other reasons	17	2	5
TOTAL NUMBER RESPONDING TO QUESTION	55	30	27

next year. "The fall play will be "Any Number Can Die". A suspense thriller with secret panels, an elaborate, eerie house set, lots of dramatic lighting effects and a series of events that will keep at the edge of their seats.

Tappan commented, "I expect we'll see good attendance. We'll also do more in school assemblies to build interest."

He continued, "This year's productions were excellent, but we need to work harder to sell them to the students."

Happy Grave Digger runs May 21, 22, 23

By Stephen Crawford

The opening of this year's musical, the Happy Grave Digger will be May 21st. Unlike any other ORHS spring musical, this musical has been written by a group of students in the class EXPL0.

"I think it's really cool because you work on your own character as you go along. There are certain lines that are written into the script, but you can manipulate them or write new ones involving your character," said Senior Ruth Bristol.

The Happy Grave Digger will be an ensemble show where all the people in the play will be on the stage during most of the performance. There will be more than fifty students in the play.

The play writing process for the Happy Grave-digger involves nonmusicians writing their own music. "It's the first

time I've actually participated in the creation of a play," responded Gabe Brown.

Overall, the cast members say that the writing process is finally starting to come together and the play is starting to make sense. "It's fun to see the whole thing evolve. The play is coming along fabulous," responded Mr. Laforce, the music teacher.

Although cast members say the play is going pretty well, there have been problems. One problem has been getting people to agree with each other on the play. Another problem is that the set won't be ready until the day of the performance. Said one cast-member, "It has been hard to get everyone together because the cast is so large, but once everyone is there things start to get together and it's a lot of fun."

CHAMPIONSHIP DINNER A CASE OF TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING

by Eric S. Ritvo

Reebok - "Life is short, play hard." Converse - "You can't beat what you can't catch." Avia - "It's time to play." 10-K - "All you gotta be is thirsty." Champion - "It takes a little more to make a champion." And, of course, Nike - "Just Do It."

O.K., everyone knows these inspiring sport slogans from T.V. commercials. Each of these companies attempts to compel athletes to be the best - to become champions. At Oyster River High School, two teams - boys basketball and girls volleyball - actually followed their advice and became Class-I champs.

First, I'd like to congratulate both the basketball and volleyball teams. Like many Oyster Riverites, I went to both games and enjoyed the success of my friends. Then, after all the competing was finished, the wierd stuff started happening.

The teams were invited

to the state house for a reception. I didn't recall the '88 boys soccer team, '90 volleyball team, '89 baseball team, or any of the numerous running squads being invited to the state house, but who cares, why not start a new tradition? The Chicago Bulls and Washington Redskins get to meet Georgie, so why don't my pals get to meet Judd? But, as most know, Judd stood them up.

Then, I heard about the championship dinner. Honestly, I thought it was an eating contest. I did not know what it was, so I asked some of my basketball friends. The basic response was, "Yea, they're honoring us, again. Why can't they just let it go?" Afterward, the overall opinion wasn't one of joy at being honored, but ecstasy at the free meal. Further, most people just wanted to get on with their new sports and quit celebrating the past.

Also, most of us fans

practiced and played hard all year, but didn't go as far. For our efforts, the Boosters Club puts on a free banquet which all athletes can attend. The Sports Awards Night recognizes all athletes, with special coaches awards going to those with superb team spirit and effort, not just victory. I'm not sure that these teams needed to have the extra dinner when the Boosters Club ceremony would have satisfied any lingering need to be honored. To me, and many of those being honored, the dinner was a waste of time and money.

After the meal, I heard that some of the players did not attend. They must have been following another commercial - Gatorade - which stresses to "Be Like Mike" (Jordan). He skipped out on meeting George Bush, which shows what any student/athlete at O.R.H.S. knows. That we play and compete for the fun of the sport and the personal satisfaction, not the glory

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by: Monte and Stang

This month's predictions are custom made for individual types of people. So read all of them because you may find meaning in another sign.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 19)-
This year's spring thaw will leave your desires high and your mind asking for more. But look out, for around the wall of sin lies a deceitful lover who will trample through your garden leaving you broken and wilted.

Taurus (April 20- May 20)-
Social activity will be up for this next month. So all you deviates be careful and take precaution. But for those who are left home alone, the local video store is offering a special deal on unrated foreign films.

Gemini (May 21- June 20)-
For those who take work seriously, your boss will leave you to do a lot of work while your friends call in sick to go to the beach. And for those of you who call in sick, you aren't supposed to get a tan from lying in bed all day!

Cancer (June 21-July 22)-
With the Earth, Sun, and Saturn out of line, your protective force field will be weak, thus making you vulnerable for sickness. So plan on staying home a lot by yourself after you stop by the mall to take advantage of their personal pleasure products.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)-

For all those left home Prom night, May 15, all of your friends had a great time. We know the reruns of "I Love Lucy" and "Gilligan's Island" weren't that great, and because you'll be home next year also, there will be a special number to call next year so you can actually hear what is going on at the Prom (1-900-THE PROM). But if by chance you want a

date, call 1-900-FREE-CHEAP-COMPANION.

Virgo (Aug. 23- Sep. 22)-
Your friends will seem anxious and pushy due to the fact that a police raid on a party has put most of them up the river. But don't forget to be caring and understanding for it could happen to you very soon. This does not suit your personality, but try to go out on a limb for once in your life.

Libra (Sep. 23- Oct. 22)-
Your temptations to cross-dress this month will be very high. But remember the trouble that you may cause by stealing your parent's underclothes.

Scorpio (Oct. 23- Nov. 21)-
Your chauvinistic attitude will really shine this month (especially with males). But try to resist the temptation of leaving the women in the kitchen, for they have worked hard to get where they are today. And for all you equal minded females, remember a chauvinistic attitude is just a way of showing how much he loves you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)-
Males beware, for females will be agitated after being treated like pigs lately. They will be on the warpath of equality and don't forget they are our equals. But be cautious about lending a fe-

male your car keys for Pluto's orbit shows that insurance rates will raise due to their driving.

Capricorn (Dec.- Jan. 19)-
There will be certain tensions in home life as everyone tries to spread their wings (it is spring after all), but don't freak, remember the eagle always come home for the summer. So let loved ones have some room to grow and remember to grow yourself.

Aquarius (Jan. 20- Feb. 18)-
The powers above will compel you to spend more money on things that pleasure you, but remember that special bookstore is only open 9am-5pm on weekdays. The

already high spenders will have to watch their pockets for money will seem to go even quicker than normal and debts will run high.

Pisces (Feb. 19- Mar. 20)-
Your temper will have a short fuse, while others will be frolicking in the sun leaving you behind. Your temptations to end relationships quickly will astound you, but remember that the more open you are in a relationship the better it will work. But it also means that you will be hurt more than not.

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Four friendly faces in a not so friendly reality

Within Oyster River High School, there are four individuals whose work is essential to making the place run better. Although recent history shows that their efforts have received little gratitude in the department of awards, their actions make all four worthy. Now, who do you think they are?

Basic instinct would say the top of the administration - the people in charge of making the decisions. Well, not this year. Perhaps the guidance counselors since they are the ones who help us along. They come close, but not this time. The four people who work the hardest in the school without much appreciation are - Mrs. Geeslin, Mrs. Grondin, Mrs. Provencher, and Mrs. Weeks.

First, Mrs. Geeslin and Mrs. Grondin. These two individuals control the front office. They are the ones who make sure that you know that the tennis racket or cleats that were left at home and were delivered by a parent are in the front office waiting for use in the big game. They know when you've been out of school, and always seem to care about your condition. Above all, they try and help students get through the year as hasslefree as possible.

Second, Mrs. Provencher. Managing the guidance department is no easy matter. Twice a year, she is overrun by disgruntled students trying to see their guidance counselor about changing that seventh or first period class. Yet, she handles the situation in an efficient, pleasant manner and gets everyone in and out quickly. Further, she helps seniors with their application process as she is the one in charge of the mailings and organizing Mrs. MacKay's and Mr. Hall's schedules to get those in need of de-stressing in to see them. Again, she attempts to make the students' lives easier. Each day, she is at her desk smiling and caring about whomever passes by her.

Last, but not least, Mrs. Weeks. Located way down at the far end of the building, she could go unnoticed if it weren't for her innate friendliness. Among other things, she manages all of the money for each grade, making sure that the accounts balance and checks are written. Further, she works intensely with the Boosters Club, which helps students in numerous ways. Like the other three, she tries to make our lives easier.

Besides the fact that all four of these women are secretaries, they share one other common thread. Each have had children in O.R.H.S., and thus have a students' opinion as to what goes on in the school. Aware of our thoughts and where we are coming from, it allows these four people to talk to us like we are intelligent adults instead of unenlightened, immature underlings. Their caring and friendliness allows them to help students in an efficient, helpful, and above all, kind manner.

FOURTH QUARTER SLUMP A COMMON TREND AT O.R.

By Mary McCleery

If your grades dropped during second and fourth quarter, your're not alone. In a recent study of honor rolls from 1987-1991, results showed that students' grades take a plunge in the second and fourth quarters.

In the past four years

except why do the grades improve third quarter? Most say that it is because when they get their report cards from second quarter they spend third quarter trying to improve.

As the senior class celebrates the end of their grade school career, they often suffer senioritis.

by Erin McNelly

Senioritis is a yearly disease that plagues Oyster River seniors during second semester. Effects include a greater desire for fun, increased hate for the school and in many cases a complete stoppage of work. Senioritis is a disease few can resist but brings no discomfort to those who have it.

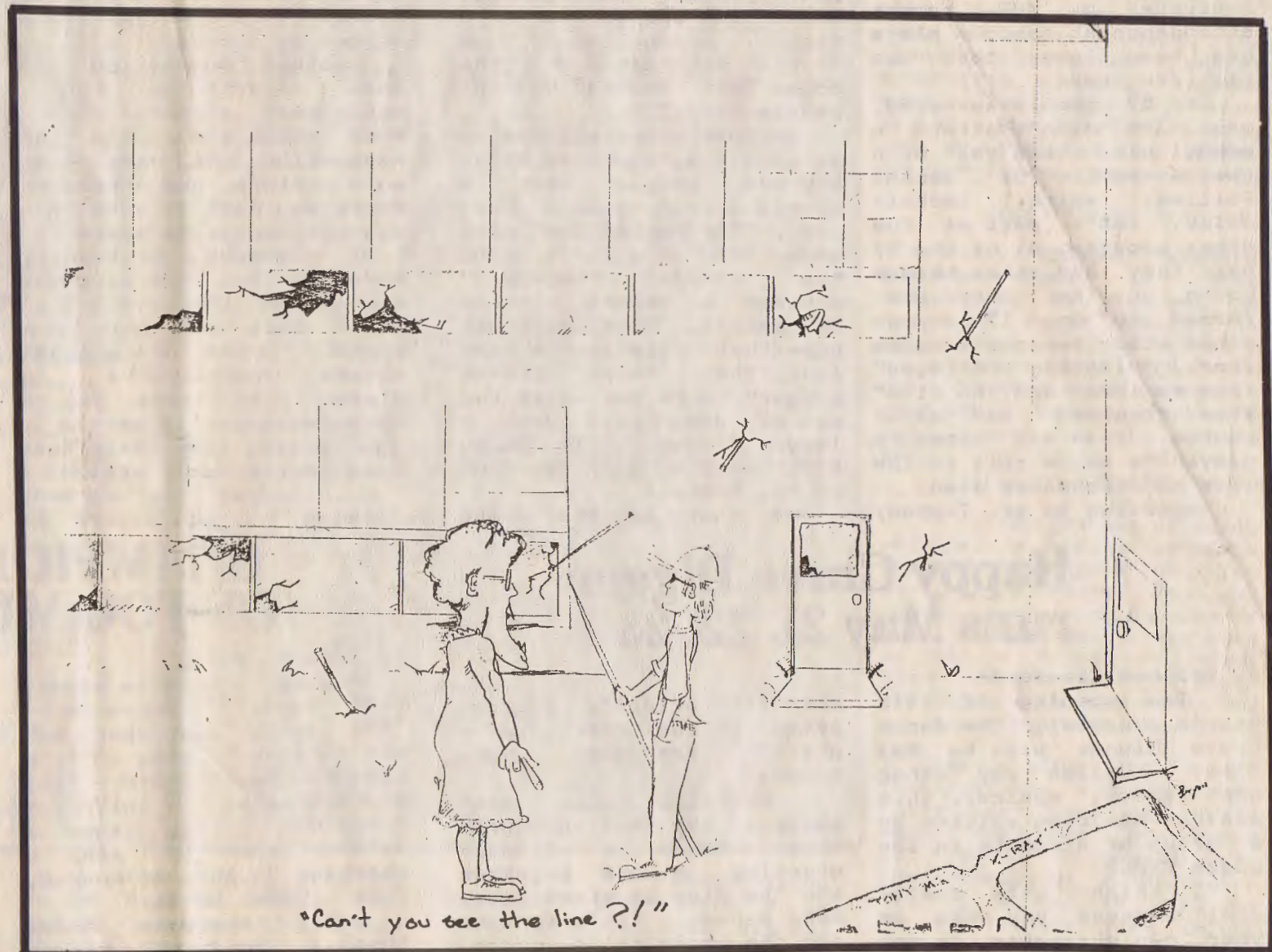
This annual infection will affect even the best of students at this respected establishment. For

addition to the normal pre-April acceptances to colleges, the 1992 ORHS senior class has been infected with this disease even before spring arrived. Hopefully, with some luck, spring will not bring death and cause careless senioritis affected students to fail classes needed to graduate. It would be hell to spend another year in this school.

Very few students will never feel this famous disease. Those workaholics

doesn't matter. I would rather be outside more often and having fun!"

Fortunately, Greg and Mary are not alone. Many seniors still do some homework, but just not as much as they may have done in the past. As Ben Hudson quotes, "October 26 was a great day in my life. It was the last time I remember doing any homework." But as he adds, "Teachers must understand that the only possible cure is summer."



SENIORITIS STRIKES O.R.

honor roll between second and third, but at the end of fourth 19% of the students are off it.

Most students, when asked, said that the monotony of school was a main reason their grades fell. Senior Matt Koener said, "Everything is getting long. First and third quarter you're starting something new." After an easy first quarter, many students take second quarter for granted. The fact that both Christmas and Thanksgiving vacations are during second quarter also attributes to the dropoff.

All of this is fine,

which cannot be contained within the senior class. The resolve to do homework weakens as the immune system succumbs to the disease.

English teacher Mrs. Whitten commented, "Teachers work a little harder to plan activities to engage the students, and keep their attention."

The overall feelings of most Oyster River teachers is that it is time for the pattern to end. According to Mrs. Houseman "Now is the time to defy history and make that fourth quarter improve."

"I'm allergic to work. I can't wait to get out of this school." Another fine student, Jen Olsen remarks, "It has definitely set in. With the combination of Follies and getting accepted into college, work has been hard to get done."

Jen hit the jackpot on that one! It seems with an early Follies, senioritis has set in much earlier than in previous years. In

fullest extents will never catch senioritis. Greg Provencher says, "I love being in school and doing 3 hours of homework while all of my friends are outside having fun, I couldn't be happier." Another ORHS senior, Mary McCleary, adds "I still do up to 2 hours of work every night, but it has dropped since last year." She went on to say, "I don't care anymore. It

stopped doing work. Ryan Souza remarks, "I got it during my sophomore year. When I go home my work stays here. I like to separate work from pleasure." James Dolan adds, "The doctors diagnosed me with a serious case of senioritis 4 months prior to birth. It was so bad I was not supposed to survive beyond the fifth grade."

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY FROM M.O.R.:
IF YOU STOP TO SMELL THE ROSES, MAKE
SURE THERE ARE NO BEES

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Seniors hanging around

O. R. STUDENTS, FACULTY MARCH IN PRO-CHOICE SHOW OF STRENGTH

By Mara Kerne & Abby Burton
The largest protest march ever to take place in Washington D.C. occurred on April 15, 1992 in support of pro-choice. An estimated 750,000+ people gathered to demonstrate, including several Oyster River students and teachers.

Seniors Kristen Bub, Ellen Williams and junior Cyndi Milner all attended the protest, leaving Saturday April 4, from Portsmouth on a special bus headed to the rally. The bus was full. Milner estimates that 46 people went down with her and her friends. Milner says that she chose to go to the rally to "prove that there really are people who believe in the right for pro-choice... and to show George Bush up."

The march itself was very organized and carried out in the spirit of non-violence. Milner saw no

fight and only a few anti-choicers by the side of the street and on the steps with a podium. She identified most of them as men.

The march began at the Washington Monument and took the people around the square and around the White House showing their strength to Bush with signs, chants, and numerous tennis balls thrown onto the White House lawn inscribed with many pro-choice messages. The march was uninterrupted as the march path had been marked off and there were police to direct traffic.

The march happened at a particularly crucial time. A case in Pennsylvania, Planned Parenthood vs. Casey, had a hearing on April 22 which could ultimately lead to the overturn of Roe vs. Wade.

The speakers, Milner remembers, were amazing. Jesse Jackson, Ellie Smeal, Patricia Ireland, Faye

Wattleton, Rosemary Dempsey, Gloria Steinem, and Bella Abzug were among the vast number of prominent public figures and feminist leaders to speak on behalf of abortion rights. Musicians such as Peter, Paul, and Mary, Holly Near, and many others performed at the rally. Such celebrities as Lynda Carter, Molly Ringwald, Sarah-Jessica Parker, Mary-Stuart Masterson and Morgan Fairchild took part in the demonstration joined by many members of congress.

Above all else both Milner and Bub remember the amount of people. When Milner stood on a bench to take pictures, she couldn't see the end of the people. "It was amazing," Milner said, "we were all there for the same reason. There was a sense of unity. There were people there from almost every state... it was incredible!"

STUDENT COUNCIL?

by Chuck Bryon

What ever happened to Student Council?! A few years ago Student Council sponsored activities such as the bonfire and pep rallies.

In recent years, however, the Student Council has lost its strength. 1991-92 was very difficult for them with no advisor.

1992-93 has finally come and this year promises to be a good one. Already we have begun planning the return of the bonfire, winter carnival, a possible outside lunch, and if we

can get everything together in time, and if teachers and parents will cooperate we have a summer time blow-out planned for May 25th.

I hope that faculty and administration can work and swap favors with Student Council in an attempt to better our school and create a few bridges across the gap between students and faculty. If students, faculty or administration have questions or ideas for us, please tell a member of student council or Ms. Brown and we will get back to you on the issue.



Greg Provencher on the slopes

The ultimate in spring skiing

TAKING ON THE RAVINE

by Greg Provencher

The blood is pumping in anticipation of my first turn into the fall line. The steepness is making my stomach queasy. Then I summon all of my courage and start descending some of the steepest skiing terrain in the Eastern United States at Tuckerman Ravine, on Mt. Washington in the White Mountains.

Mt. Washington is a haven for some of the best late-season skiing. The season usually lasts from March all the way to the first few weeks of June. People have been making the trek into Tuckerman's since the early 1930's. The thing that is different about Mt. Washington and other ski areas is that at Mt. Washington there are no lifts. One must hike with his/her skis and boots from Pinkham Notch over three miles to the Ravine.

There are three types of skiers who go to the Ravine: Easy Goers, who don't risk anything and have a smooth run. Thrill Seekers, who look for speed and hang time in the air. Lastly, there are the skiers who crash at the top of the Ravine and tumble all the way to the bottom. My two skiing companions Seamus Flemming and Josh Hodsdon, who are classified as thrill seekers, have been venturing to Tuckerman's for a few years now and are well acquainted with the different skiing possibilities.

The most famous run is the Headwall. This is a short run but it gets progressively steeper the higher you go. Other runs include Left Gully and the Chute. It is hard to understand the steepness of

the Ravine. While hiking up the Headwall, it is so steep that while standing straight you can extend your arm and touch the snow in front of you. Hodsdon said, "Tuckerman's is the steepest thing that I have ever skied." If you go to the Ravine before the end of April it is possible to ski all the way to Pinkham Notch via the John Sherburne Ski Trail.

One of the many things that spectators do at the Ravine is sun bathing on "Lunch Rocks". Here they watch the descending skiers and hang out. People bring all kinds of contraptions to the Ravine from Hibachi's to inner tubes. If the sun bathers are fortunate enough they will get a large crowd of skiers. They will be doing all sorts of crazy things like jumping off cliffs or skiing down rock infested runs.

If someone gets hurt while skiing, people volunteer to carry the person down on a stretcher. Tuckerman Ravine is pretty isolated so it takes over three hours to carry an injured person to the bottom. If the injury is serious enough, a helicopter will air lift the injured person to the hospital.

There are many hazards that lurk in Tuckerman Ravine. One of these hazards is the possibility of an avalanche or falling ice.

The weather also poses another problem. It has caused the deaths of over one hundred people, according to Seamus Flemming, a dangerous boy. "You must be ready to encounter anything. Always prepare for the worst."

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O.R. MATH TEAM FINISHES 8th OUT OF 19 IN NEW ENGLANDS



by Mera Kerna
The Oyster River Math Team's season is now complete after the New England Math Meet, which took place on May 1, 1992 in Canton, Massachusetts.

Oyster River was one of 4 New Hampshire schools invited to this activity and scored higher than the other 3 New Hampshire schools. The Oyster River team placed 8th in the small school division, out of 19. Advisor Mr. Stoykovich said, "The team placed above half of the medium sized schools."

Oyster River won both small school divisions that

they, losing to the 2nd, by 2 points, at the State meet, which they attended as a large school. As team member Molly Capron stated, "We had a really successful year and things look good for next year, too."

Oyster River belongs to 2 small school leagues, the Tri-State League and the Southeastern League. Both leagues meet once a month.

This year, senior Aaron Birch tied for fourth highest scoring senior in the Tri-State League. Junior Patrick Russell was the highest scoring junior, Kyle Krouse was second, and

Molly Capron was third, all in the Tri-State League. Despite his high scores, Russell did experience some problems. "The most frustrating thing is that if you don't give the answer in exactly the form they want, it is marked wrong. I think most people on the team had this problem and it seemed to happen to me way too often."

Although the math season is over for most team members, 3 Oyster River students, Aaron Birch Patrick Russell, and Kyle Krouse will be attending the Atlantic Seaboard Regional Math Meet which will be

Memorial Day weekend.

The 1992 Oyster River Math Team members were, Seniors Katrin Bergeron, Aaron Birch, Liz Bucar, Kyle Downey, Graham Duncan, Eric Ritvo and Sebastien Roy. Juniors Sue Brandon, Joe Burke, Molly Capron, Steve Crawford, Kyle Krouse, Holly MacKay, Jacob Michaels, Mike Northrop, Patrick Russell and Bill Simmons.

Sophomores Charlotte Berndston, Sarah Dugas, Kasey Evans, Kim Golding, Amanda McAuley, and Amy Swift. Freshmen Cara Campbell, Meg Fraser, Ted Olsen and Pierce

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PROVISIONS

GIRL'S SOFTBALL**CURRENTLY 0-13; SPIRIT HIGH**

by Ryan Souza

The girls softball team has gotten off to a slow start being at 0-13 (as of May 14), but have had a few close games in which the other team won in the last few innings.

They have had their fair chances to win, but the marbles didn't fall in their direction. That's a good way to characterize their season. According to coach Ed Sharon, "The girls are working hard, but have a lot to learn." They have had their chances to win, but they lost their composure in the last few innings.

The Bobcat girls have a lot of youth and also a lot of inexperience. According to senior Tory Jennison, "It's a building season. We've got a lot of young players with talent. We need more game experience."

Coaches Ed Sharon and Craig Welch hope that the girls will start to believe them. They also hope that

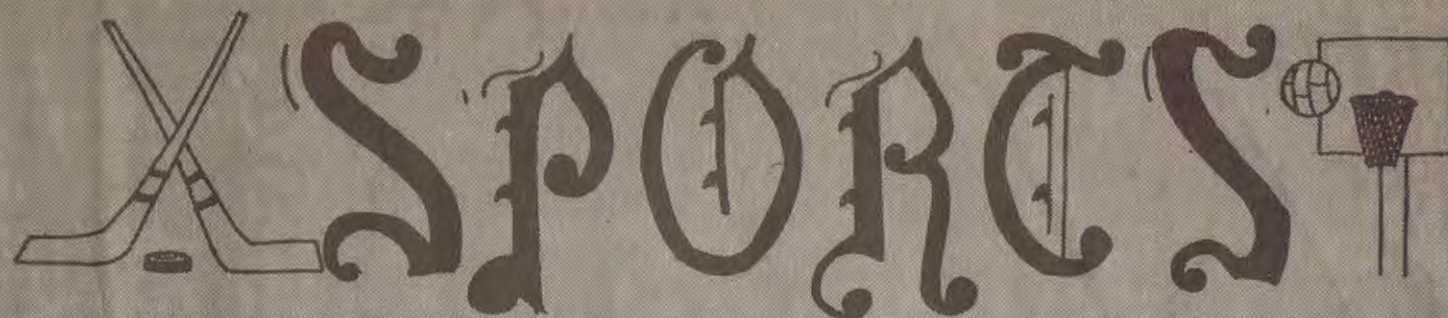
they are teaching the girls something.

One thing that they do bring to the game is attitude. Coach Welch stressed, "Attitude is our religion." The girls do certainly have a good attitude. They play every game hard no matter what the score. Coach Sharon said, "I think the team is doing an exceptional job of hustling. It's hard to keep them motivated with the weather."

Sophomore Kim Golding compared this season with the last, "Compared to last year, we're more disciplined. We played to win, but now it's more determination and to keep a positive attitude."

When asked about what things he would like to change, Coach Ed responded, "I wish we could be more of a threat at the plate. They have to learn to be more aggressive."

The girls finish up their season with four home games.



The softball team

BASEBALL TRAVELS TO COOPERSTOWN; HEADS TO PLAYOFFS CONFIDENT

By Gabe Wallman

The everly improving Oyster River Bobcats boys baseball team evened out their record for the season at 7-7 with a 4-2 victory against Hanover at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown, NY.

After starting the season with a disappointing 2-5 record, the Bobcats have since come on to win 5 out of their last 7.

The reason behind their early season woes has been

no mystery to OR. All along they knew they had the talent to be a good team, but time was needed for the team to gel. Any team that brings back only 4 or 5 people from the preceeding year can't expect to get off to a fast start.

Although the 'Cats did start slow Coach LaChance had his hopes up. When asked why his team got off to a slow start he commented, "I can't say we got off to a slow start. We

didn't get the W's but, we were in every game."

Another reason for the slow start this season was because of the inexperience in the Bobcats fields with five sophomores on the team. Although the talent of these players is not a question, their inexperience was shown in their tentativeness. Coach LaChance commented on the inexperience of his sophomores, "If they were on JV they would take charge more, and they wouldn't be as nervous. Their mistakes are silly, nervous mistakes."

LaChance continued, "All of them (sophomores) have performed greatly throughout the year, and they will get invaluable experience."

A third reason for their struggle has been their

Lastly, the elbow injury to Greg Provencher has kept him out of the pitching rotation. On this situation, Coach LaChance said that whenever you lose your number one pitcher it is going to affect your team. He commented, "It hurt our pitching staff, but we missed his .300 batting average just as much." Recently, Provencher returned to the lineup as designated hitter.

Other players had their various opinions on the slow start that they suffered. Tucker Katz commented, "Mental and physical errors are our downfall."

Katz was referring in specific to their 5-2 loss to Sanborn. Although receiving a good pitching performance, lowly Sanborn got 5 unearned runs off 6 Bobcat errors to walk away

are going to be a team no one will want to see face them. If we get on a roll there is no reason why anyone would beat us."

These are pretty bold words for a team that just reached the .500 mark. However, LaChance brought up a valid point. OR has twice beaten two-time defending champion Laconia 3-0 with a shutout from senior Erin McNelly and a come from behind victory in the late innings.

The Bobcats most recent game, was over the weekend in Cooperstown, NY. On playing at Doubleday field LaChance talked about the history and nostalgia the field represents. He commented, "The biggest stars played at Doubleday field." He added, "If you don't get goosebumps when you walk on that field then

Tennis**GIRLS ENTER PLAYOFFS 14-2**



Sarah Gooze caught in action

by Shannon Veno

The girls tennis team have a very successful 1992 campaign. Currently, they are 14-2, with only one match remaining. They will enter the state tournament seeded first.

Their most recent victory came over the always powerful Derryfield School. Overall, the match was won 5-4, with Meredith Sawyer, Jill Shapiro, Jen Friel, and Jaime Smith winning singles matches. The win was clinched when the team of Jen Hamilton/Smith won their doubles match. The victory was especially sweet for the Bobcats as Derryfield had previously beaten them. Sawyer commented, "We all put our best into it. We really wanted to beat them." She continued, "Revenge is so sweet as we pulled out all the stops." These remarks explain her and Friel's turnaround wins. Sawyer's score went from 2-8 to 8-3, and Friel's from 1-8, to 9-8.

Although tennis is a

team sport based on individual achievement, the girl's squad has really pulled together. Mandy Tappan conveyed, "The team is really strong throughout. It is hard to credit one person with the team's success." Hamilton continued, "We are a better team than last year. Every individual has improved on their own (game) to make the team better."

For the rest of the season the top six players will be: 1) Meredith Sawyer, 2) Jill Shapiro 3)

Jen Friel 4) Mandy Tappan 5) Jaime Smith and 6) Jen Hamilton/Sarah Gooze.

Hopefully, the girls will bring home a third championship for Oyster River sports. For this to happen, Coach Ginger Craig said, "that the girls have to want to win." According to Smith, "Nobody's gonna beat us." Sawyer continued, "None of us want the season to end until we have a trophy in our hands."

immediately through the first 8 games they only had a record of 3-5 to show for it.

LaChance thinks that at this point and time, the offense is the team's main weakness but, "We are doing things now to improve on this weakness."

BOYS TENNIS

WINS OVER KINGSWOOD TIMBERLANE - SNUFFED OUT IN BERLIN

by Greg Provencher

The Boys Tennis Team is currently five hundred with a 7-7 record.

Last Thursday, the Bobcats visited always powerful Derryfield, coming away with an expected loss (7-2). On Wednesday, they beat Owls of Timberlane 5-4. Monday they traveled to Kingswood and beat the Knights 5-4.

For the two wins it came down to the third doubles match of Eric Ritvo and Josh Jenkins. They were the deciding factor in the win. Also winning singles in both matches were Nathan Weeks, Darren Miller, and Jenkins. Ritvo commented on his doubles victories, "I'll do anything to help out the team."

The Timberlane win for the Bobcats is pivotal if the team hopes to make the playoffs. Junior Ian Duncan commented, "We fi-

thinks they have gotten their wake up call, following Goffstown's no-hitter against them. He continued to say, "We have lost all our games by 1 or 2 runs and come playoff time we will be a surprise," LaChance commented on the issue of the playoffs, "We

nally pulled through with a close victory. Although it was a personal loss, this win boosted our confidence which will hopefully continue into the playoffs." After the win, the teams had identical records with the Bobcats holding a head to head advantage.

A big event for the Bobcats this year was the grueling trip to winless Berlin. The result was Berlin breaking into the win column. Senior Bryan Rutland said, "I think we were affected by the length of the bus ride (over three hours) but what really affected us most was the smell in the air." Berlin is known its paper mill and the smell that is omitted from it.

Miller commented on the Berlin match, "Our loss to Berlin was quite a travesty. It took the guys some time to become accustomed

itself the Bobcats fell behind 1-0 in the 4th inning before coming back on key hits by Jake Crosby and Ryan Souza as well as a double and game winning run by Cris Jerard. Souza said, "We have the capability to do something very good, but it depends which team shows up."

to the predominantly foul odor. We turned the heat on to-wards the end, but it was to late to overcome their home court advantage." He added, "The wind was working against our cause." Subsequently, Berlin won the match, 5-4. Perhaps Berlin should invest in some wind nets.

On the outlook on the rest of the year Weeks commented, "We have some really big matches coming up and to accomplish what we want to do we must make our run now." Recently, the Bobcats received a boost from Duncan, as he returned from a sprained ankle suffered in Dunk Day. Ritvo commented, "It is great to have Ian back. I love watching him stroking the balls."

Hopefully the Bobcats will return to the State Finals like they did last year.

